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WEST VIRGINIA BULLETIN NO: WV300-7-20

SUBJECT: LTP- Delegated Authority

Purpose: To grant provide policy on the approval of a waiver request to start a practice before an EQIP contract is approved.

Expiration Date: September 30, 2007

This bulletin provides policy approval for waivers to allow EQIP applicants in the special Emergency Livestock Water ranking to start a practice before the contract is funded.

Due to the urgency of the situation many farmers are facing with regard to providing livestock water in the developing drought, authority to approve a request for waiver to start a practice before contract funding is delegated to District Conservationists, as allowed in the Conservation Programs Contracting Manual 512.23 (C). This delegated authority is only for requests from applicants in the Emergency Livestock Water ranking group.

The attached form shall be used to request and document the waiver approval.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Herbert Andrick, ASTC-Programs at (304) 284-7560.

/s/

KEVIN WICKEY
State Conservationist

Attachments: WV-300-16 Request for Waiver

DIST: E



Request for Waiver Emergency Water Supply Ranking

Applicant Name: _____ Date of Request: _____

Address: _____ Farm Bill Program: EQIP

I am requesting a waiver to begin the _____ practice. I have
(Name of Practice)

not started implementation yet, but I plan to proceed with construction or installation of the practice upon receipt of an approved NRCS design or specifications.

My reason(s) for this request are as follows:

I understand that this does not increase my chances for receiving a contract and that I am financially responsible for all expenses incurred on this practice. Should I qualify for a contract, receive and sign one, then and only then will I be allowed to submit any bills for this practice.

I understand that I will be ineligible to receive any payments if any of the following occurs:

- The contract is not approved
- The practice is not completed in a manner that meets NRCS standards and specifications.
- The requested practice is not included in the approved conservation plan for funding.

Participants _____ Date: _____
Signature: _____

NRCS District Conservationist Signature Date: _____